

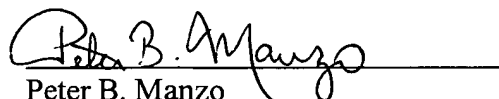
REMARKS

Applicant agrees with the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance that independent claim 7 is allowed because the closest prior art reference Zhu et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,285,661 ("Zhu"), does not teach or suggest "generating a data stream splitter" to handle access to the application data stream if the application data stream is not already being handled by another data stream splitter and that independent claim 9 is allowed because Zhu does not teach or suggest that the data stream "splitter manager fork(s) a copy of itself" to handle the access to the application data stream for that device. Notice of Allowance dated July 7, 2006, page 3. However, claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, and 10-12 dependent upon independent claim 7. Consequently, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, and 10-12 also are allowable, at least by virtue of their dependence on independent claim 7.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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